

MARINE CORPS EMERGENCY ACTION CENTER  
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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

PERIOD 060701 - 070700 OCTOBER 1962

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1. ASIA

a. A COMUSMACV REPORT GIVES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE HMM-163 HELICOPTER CRASH IN VIETNAM ON 5 OCTOBER: EIGHT U. S. PERSONNEL WERE ABOARD. OF THE EIGHT, SIX ARE KNOWN DEAD; ONE IS MISSING AND PRESUMED DEAD; THE OTHER IS IN THE 8TH FIELD HOSPITAL AT NHA TRANG (140 MILES NE OF SAIGON) WITH BURNS AND MINOR INJURIES.

THE HELO WAS ENROUTE FROM TOURANE TO QUANG NGAI (100 MILES SE OF TOURANE) WITH A MEDICAL TEAM AND OTHER U. S. PERSONNEL ABOARD.

INDICATIONS AT PRESENT ARE THAT THE CRASH WAS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE AREA.

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF NAMES OF THE PASSENGERS HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY HMM-163: 1stLt W. T. SINNOTT, 075675, USMC; 1stLt M. J. TUNNEY, 081580, USMCR; SGT R. E. HAMILTON, 1410541, USMC; SGT J. W. FENDELL, 1526810, USMC; CPL T. E. ANDERSON, 1660558, USMC; L/CPL M. A. VALENTIN, 1924035, USMC; LT GERALD GRIFFIN, 615529, USN; HM2 G. O. NORTON, 5323996, USN.

TELECON FROM NMCC 070800Z (C)  
 HMM-163 061658Z (U)

2. CARIBBEAN

a. CINCLANT HAS REQUESTED CG 18TH ABN CORPS RECOMMENDATIONS BY 15 OCTOBER RELATIVE TO THE FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATING AND PREPOSITIONING TROOPS, AIRCRAFT, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STATE OF READINESS TO EXECUTE CINCLANT OPLANS 312-62, 314-61 AND 316-61. CINCLANT BELIEVES

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THAT MUCH OF SUCH PREPOSITIONING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH MINIMUM DISTURBANCE OF CURRENT OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING COMMITMENTS AND WITHIN BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS.

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CINCLANT 061910Z (TS)

b. AMEMBASSY PORT-AU-PRINCE HAS RECOMMENDED TO OSD THAT DOD ISSUE A PRESS RELEASE REGARDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF HAITIAN MAP TRAINEES FROM THE U. S. THE RECOMMENDATION INCLUDED A SUGGESTED WORDING FOR THE RELEASE.

THE HAITIAN GROUP ARRIVED IN HAITI 6 OCTOBER.

AMEMB PORT-AU-PRINCE 060100Z (C)

3. MARINE CORPS

a. AN 11 YEAR OLD PUERTO RICAN BOY WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY THE MAIN GATE MARINE SENTRY AT CAMP GARCIA, VIEQUES AT 1830 HOURS VIEQUES TIME ON 5 OCTOBER AS THE RESULT OF AN ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF THE SENTRY'S .45 CALIBER PISTOL.

THE BOY DIED IN A HOSPITAL 2 HOURS FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING. AN AUTOPSY HAS BEEN ORDERED BY CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES. AN INVESTIGATION IS IN PROGRESS.

IN A MESSAGE TO THE CAMP GARCIA DETACHMENT, ADMINO FORCE TROOPS, FMFLANT RECOMMENDS THAT COMTEN BE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE U. S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO MAY PROVIDE FBI ASSISTANCE SINCE SUBSTANTIAL CLAIMS MAY BE INVOLVED.

CAMP GARCIA VIEQUES 060330Z (U)  
ADMINO FORTRPS FMFLANT 061646Z (C)

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REGRADING, DOD DIR 5200.10  
DOES NOT APPLY

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*Did it go off in the holster [REDACTED]  
Cross slung off gun to boy as was case in Guam.*

[REDACTED]

b. A MOROCCAN NATIONAL WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY THE MARINE SENTRY INSIDE THE GATE AT NAS PORT LYAUTEY YESTERDAY. THE SHOOTING, AS ATTESTED BY WITNESSES, APPEARS TO BE A CASE OF SELF DEFENSE

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COMNAVACT PORT LYAUTEY 062150Z (U)

c. A PRIVATE AIRCRAFT, BELIEVED TO BE PILOTED BY LCPL R. N. BUSQUE, 1900865, USMC, H&S CO, H&S BN, MARCORB, CAMLEJ AND WITH LCPL D. P. FEYLER, 1876011, USMC, H&S CO, H&S BN, MARCORB, CAMLEJ AND LCPL R. A. GELINAS, 1942258, USMC, MAG-26, 2D MAW AS PASSENGERS HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING ON A FLIGHT FROM JACKSONVILLE, N. C. TO WESTFIELD, MASS. WRECKAGE, RECOVERED IN A SUSPECTED CRASH AREA AT SEA 17 MILES NORTH WEST OF CAPE HENRY, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THAT BELONGING TO THE AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION. SEARCH AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS CONTINUE.

CCGD FIVE 051905Z (U)  
CG MARCORB CAMLEJ 052106Z (U)  
CCGD FIVE 050543Z (U)  
CCGD FIVE 070329Z (U)  
HMM-461 062232Z (U)

d. CINCLANTFLT HAS ADVISED CNO THAT 30 OF THE 74 MAG-26 HELICOPTERS NOW AT MEMPHIS ARE SCHEDULED FOR PARTICIPATION IN PHIBRIGLEX I-62 AND REQUESTED THEIR EARLY RELEASE, PREFERABLY BY 8 OCTOBER.

CINCLANTFLT 061854Z (C)

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4. MISCELLANEOUS

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a. CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED THE ITINERARY AND COMPOSITION OF THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS RESERVE COMPOSITE COMPANY 5-48 (CONGRESSIONAL) WHICH WILL TOUR WESTPAC DURING THE PERIOD 9-26 NOVEMBER. THE GROUP WILL CONSIST OF 56 PERSONS, INCLUDING 13 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS 052220Z (U)

b. CINCARIB DEPARTED HIS COMMAND 5 OCTOBER FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D. C. DURING THE PERIOD 5 TO 11 OCTOBER. MAJ/GEN L. S. STRANATHAN IS ACTING CINCARIB.

CINCARIB 052355Z (U)

c. CINCSTRIKE IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT THE AUSA MEETING, SHERATON PARK HOTEL, 081800Q. DURING THE PERIOD 081200 TO 090510, ACTING CINCSTRIKE IS LT/GEN B. K. HOLLOWAY.

CINCSTRIKE 060230Z (U)

5. EXERCISE

a. CINCLANT HAS INFORMED JCS OF THE CONCEPT FOR EXERCISE QUICK KICK II, A CPX TEST OF CINCLANT OPLAN 314-61, TO BE CONDUCTED 14-15 NOVEMBER.

CINCLANT 052316Z (S)

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REGRADING, DOD DIR 5200.10  
DOES NOT APPLY

6. MOVEMENTS

a. MAJ/GEN A. F. BINNEY DEPARTED NAVAL STATION ROOSEVELT  
ROADS YESTERDAY AFTER PARTICIPATING IN EXERCISE BLUE WATER.  
ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL IN NORFOLK IS 072000Z.

NAVSTA RCOS RDS 061600Z (U)

b. BLT 2/9 ABOARD SHIPS OF COMLANSHIPRON NINE DEPARTED  
YOKUSKA YESTERDAY AND ESTIMATE ARRIVAL NAHA, OKINAWA 092130Z.

COMLANSHIPRON NINE 060715Z (C)

7. DEFCONS

a. NO CHANGE.

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